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Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.
AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas

MEMBERSHIP BOOK

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OBJECTS

The objects of the Brigade Overseas are :—

(a) To afford holders of first aid certificates from the St. John Ambulance Association opportunities of meeting together for ambulance and nursing practice, with the object of combining individual efforts for the public good.

(b) To render first aid to the sick and injured on public occasions, with the sanction of the Police and other authorities, and to maintain in readiness a body of trained men and women qualified so to act.

(c) To enrol a body of civilians, qualified in first aid and trained in ambulance drill or nursing duties, willing to be placed at the disposal of the Naval, Military, Air Force, or other authorities as a supplement to the public medical services in case of necessity either at home or abroad.

(d) To train men in ambulance transport duties.

(e) To develop and promote every means of rendering aid to the sick and injured.

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THE

The Eaton Girls Club

Ambulance

Division

Nursing

Toronto Sub District

Headquarters of Division

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Nights for Drill Tuesdays

OBLIGATION

All members of the Brigade Overseas must be *efficient* in each year.

DEFINITION OF EFFICIENCY

Officers (other than Medical Officers), N.C.O's, and members of Corps and Divisions are required in each year :—

(1) To pass a re-examination in first aid, or in the case of members of Nursing Corps and Divisions, in both first aid and home nursing.

(2) To attend in that year at least twelve drills (or practices in the case of Nursing Divisions) at each of which there must be some practice of first aid.

(3) To be present at an Annual Inspection (chiefly as to administration, discipline, general appearance, efficiency in stretcher drill and elementary infantry drill) whenever such Inspection is ordered by a duly authorized Officer of the Brigade Overseas.

(4) To turn out to the satisfaction of the Officer in charge of the Corps or Division when called upon to perform Public Duty.

(5) To be certified as efficient in drill or nursing duties, as the case may be, as having conformed to Regulations, and as having carried out the duties of his or her office satisfactorily.

INEFFICIENCY

Officers and N.C.O's who fail to qualify for efficiency for two years in succession and other members who fail to qualify for three years in succession will automatically cease to be members of the Brigade Overseas

unless inefficiency was due to circumstances beyond their control.

PUBLIC DUTY

The primary and distinctive duty of all members of the Brigade Overseas is public duty, which is authorized ambulance duty performed at public gatherings and on other occasions where there is a probability of accidents occurring.

Except as regards stretcher drill, which women are not expected to perform, the duties of Ambulance Sisters, as members of the Brigade, are practically the same as ambulance men. There is, however, no reason why the members of a Nursing Division should not, if they so desire, be instructed in stretcher drill, as they will thus be enabled, in cases of emergency, when trained stretcher bearers are not available, to give the necessary instructions to any unskilled assistance which may be present.

Members when called upon must, if possible, attend all parades for public duty. If, after accepting the duty, they find themselves unable to attend, they must give due notice to the Officer or other member in charge of their Division.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Members will report to the Officer in charge of their Divisions every instance of first aid rendered by them whether on or off duty. In no circumstances shall the re-dressing of injuries be performed by a member of the Brigade.

As it is necessary to be prepared to tend first aid cases which it may be inconvenient or impossible to remove at once to a hospital or to the patients' home,

and in view of the possible employment of members of both sexes as sick attendants in case of war or other emergency, every male member is to be encouraged to obtain the nursing certificate of the St. John Ambulance Association and to engage in such sick nursing, under medical direction, as he or she may be able to undertake.

It being impracticable to regulate nursing in the homes of the sick poor, under Brigade supervision, it is to be distinctly understood that any such work undertaken by members of the Brigade is to be considered as done on the individual responsibility of such members.

Any members who may be privately nursing an infectious case shall not undertake any public duty while nursing the case, until permission has been received from the Surgeon of the Division.

No members shall visit any infectious case while they are in attendance on other cases. If members should inadvertently call on an infectious case they should at once go home, thoroughly disinfect themselves and change their outer garments.

DEFINITION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

“ Infectious diseases to which the Act applies : . . . Small-pox, cholera, diphtheria, membranous croup, erysipelas, the disease known as scarletina or scarlet fever, and the fevers known by any of the following names—typhus, typhoid, enteric, relapsing, continued or puerperal, and also any infectious disease to which the Act has been applied by any Local Authority in manner provided by the Act.”—“ The Infectious

Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, 52 and 53, Vict., Cap. 72."

NOTE.—Measles, Whooping Cough, and Chicken Pox, might be added to the above list, as no member should run the risk of carrying infection from one house to another.

AWARDS

Members of the Brigade Overseas who fulfil the requirements of efficiency for a number of years become eligible for special awards, i.e. Service Chevrons, the Service Medal of the Order of St. John and Bars to the Medal.

The annual re-examination qualifies successful candidates for the awards of the Association (i.e. voucher, medallion, label or pendant) which their previous attainments qualify them to receive. Application for these awards must be made to the Honorary Secretary of the local Centre of the Association who provides the necessary forms of application.

DRILLS

Transport, also hospital, public health or district nursing will be allowed to count as drills for the purpose of efficiency, provided that not less than six drills or practices are attended with the Division during each year.

Public Duty, Church Parades, the Annual Re-examination and the Annual Inspection do not count as drills.

INSPECTION

Sickness as an excuse for absence from the annual inspection must be certified by a medical man.

Leave of absence from the annual inspection, if for a sufficient reason, may be granted by the Officer in charge of the District and the names should be submitted to the Chief Commissioner for sanction when the annual returns are forwarded.

Failure on the part of a member to attend the annual inspection without permission will involve loss of efficiency for the year.

PARADES

Punctuality is absolutely necessary at all parades and drills and members arriving late will be liable to lose credit for attendance.

Members unable to attend a parade on duty shall not do so as spectators.

All members when in uniform or when on duty in plain clothes shall be subject to discipline, and shall obey the orders of the Officer, N.C.O. or senior member in charge.

UNIFORM

Uniforms shall be in accordance with the Dress Regulations and Brigade Orders issued from time to time by the direction of the Chief Commissioner. Members must not appear in mixed dress, i.e. part uniform and part plain clothes. Watch chains and trinkets must not appear outside the uniform.

Members of the Brigade not wearing uniform shall wear an Arm Badge on the right arm when on duty.



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